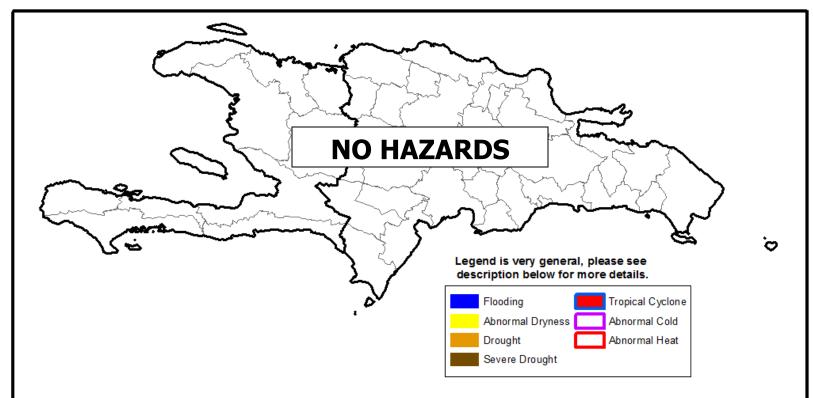


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 23 – April 29, 2015

• Dry weather forecast to continue over Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, heavy and above-average rains fell across the Centre, Ouest, and parts of the L'Artibonite departments of Haiti. In contrast, little to no rain was recorded throughout the Dominican Republic. Since the third week of March to date, below-average rains have been observed in northeastern Haiti and the northern half of the Dominican Republic, while above-average rains have been registered over central Haiti. The largest thirty-day rainfall deficits were registered across northern Dominican Republic, with negative anomalies ranging between 50-200 mm. This likely indicates a delayed onset of the first rainy season over many areas of Hispaniola. Recent vegetation indices have also indicated further degradation of biomass conditions in the eastern parts of the Centre and Nord-Est departments of Haiti and the northwestern and eastern provinces of the Dominican Republic. The continuation of drier than average conditions could adversely affect cropping activities over the dry portions of Hispaniola during the current season. During the next week, dry weather is forecast to persist over the Island, with little to light rains over Haiti and mostly suppressed rains across the Dominican Republic.